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FLOOD RECORD THREATENED

INDICATIONS ARE THAT NEW HIGH WATER MARK WILL BE MADE.

FOUR DIE AT COUNCIL GROVE

ALL CROPS IN LOW LANDS ARE DESTROYED AND MANY FARMERS ARE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES.

Kansas City, Mo., May 29—The Kansas and Missouri rivers here are rising at an alarming rate and tonight the indications are that all previous high water records at this point will be broken. Much damage already has been done and much apprehension is felt. At Harlem, across the river from this city, the residents in the flooded districts were rescued tonight in boats after losing most of their personal effects. Hundreds of families were forced to leave their homes in various parts of Kansas City. The basements of many large business concerns are flooded. The Missouri Pacific has abandoned its bridge across the river here.

Thousands of acres of garden land are overflowed and the damage to the crops amount to thousands of dollars. A thousand shack dwellers have been driven by the flood to places of safety.

Near Parkville, the Missouri river is cutting a new channel, and hundreds of acres of the most fertile farming land have been washed away.

THIRTY-SIX HOURS OF RAIN

CAUSED HEAVY FLOODS AND MANY LIN-COLN PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS.

Lincoln, Neb., May 29—Thirty-six hours of heavy and almost continuous rainfall has aggravated the flood situation at Lincoln. Antelope and Salt creeks are out of their banks and the low-lying districts in the western part of the city is tonight a great lake. Whole families among the poorer classes are tonight sheltered in the court house and school houses. The basement of the building occupied by W. J. Bryan's Commoner office is flooded, damaging the paper stock and a part of Mr. Bryan's library.

FOUR PERISH IN THE FLOODS

THE PROPERTY LOSS NEAR COUNCIL GROVE HAS BEEN HEAVY.

Council Grove, Kas., May 29—The loss by flood in Morris county is estimated at \$1,000,000. Four persons were drowned here last night. Edward Clements perished while endeavoring to save his daughter, and Ralph Phillips, while trying to rescue a little girl, was drowned with her. A baby was found dead in the Missouri Pacific yards. The slackening lime set fire to a lumber yard which was burned together with the Farmers and Drovers bank and two stores. The loss is \$50,000. The big Main street bridge over the Neosho river went down. All business houses are flooded. Miles of the Missouri Pacific and "Katy" tracks are washed out. More than one hundred houses are under water and twenty floated away.

SIGNED IRON WORKERS SCALE

Many of the Philadelphia Textile Mills Are Making Concessions To Their Employees.

TROUBLE AVERTED AT CHICAGO

Detroit, Mich., May 29—This evening the scale committee of the Amalgamated Association and the Iron Manufacturers signed the iron wage scale for next year. The men gained a number of concessions and the conference was harmonious. After the scale had been signed, felicitations were exchanged. The speeches on both sides were of the kindest tenor and all declared the result was most gratifying.

BEATRICE FLOODED.

And the Rain Is Still Falling—Much Stock Drowned.

Beatrice, Neb., May 29—Never before has this section experienced such a flood as it is now having. At Hoag, near here, the Blue river is three miles wide. It is still rising and the rain is falling in torrents. The Burlington tracks are under water and many trains are held up. In Beatrice the electric light plant is under water and closed down. Forty residence blocks are under from one to five feet of water. The waterworks pumping station is surrounded by water and the city undoubtedly will be without fire protection before morning.

Scores of head of drowned cattle, dogs and horses have gone down the stream today. The property loss is enormous in this country alone. People living in the submerged sections in many instances lost everything.

OKLAHOMA STORMS CONTINUE.

Clinton, May 29—Reports of destructive storms throughout the territory continue to arrive. At Harrison five lives were lost. At Anadarko several Indians are reported drowned. One person was killed and several buildings were demolished by a tornado in Gay county. Large numbers of cattle were drowned.

MISSOURI RIVERS RECEEDING.

Iowa, May 29—From all over the state comes reports to the effect that the rivers are receding and that further danger from flood is passed. In the Des Moines valley from Spirit Lake to the Missouri river the entire bottoms are covered with water. The damage to the corn crop is inestimable. In Fort Dodge, Boone, Madrid, Des Moines, Ottumwa and other points fully five hundred homes have been inundated by water. In Des Moines alone the damage will reach half a million.

MISSOURI SEEKS NEW CHANNEL.

Omaha, Neb., May 29—Reports from points in eastern and southern Nebraska indicate great destruction by the floods. The railroads are seriously crippled. The grain crops are believed to have been practically ruined.

FAILED TO APPEAR.

Pine Bluff, Ark., May 29—The tornado predicted by the negro prophet for today failed to arrive. The only outcome of the heavy black clouds which appeared was a light shower this afternoon.

The estimate made on the loss of corn alone is fully \$1,500,000. The Missouri river between Omaha and Sioux City is cutting away a number of fine farms.

CREST NOT YET ARRIVED.

Cedar Rapids Says Waters Will Be Still Higher.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 29—The river here has risen two feet since 7 o'clock this morning, and every indication points to a still further rise before tomorrow morning. Riverside park is four feet under water.

The cellars in the wholesale districts along the river are full of water and everything had to be moved out of them to places of safety. Damage in the wholesale district has been considerable.

The rain has fallen constantly for three days and there seems to be no prospect of abatement.

People in the lowlands have had to move to higher ground and have lost considerable stock and property.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

The Rivers Are Miles Wide—Many Bridges Swept Away.

Topeka, Kas., May 29—Five thousand people here are homeless on account of the floods and the number is likely to be largely increased before morning. Railroad traffic is practically at a standstill. The Kansas river at St. Mary's is five miles wide and the town is half submerged. Seven bridges at many towns were swept away. The Topeka street railway bridge is useless. Smoky River is four miles wide at Abilene where one person was drowned. Extraordinary high water and much damage is reported from Lawrence, Marysville, Wamego, Marquette, Emporia, America and Concordia.

THAT PEACE MAY PREVAIL.

Compulsory Arbitration Should be the Law Between Nations.

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., May 29—At the concluding session of the arbitration conference tonight a platform was adopted declaring that arbitration has secured the approval of the civilized world; that the United States for what has done in this behalf, especially in the Venezuela controversy; suggests the conclusion of a treaty of compulsory arbitration between the United States and Great Britain, to be followed by similar treaties with all other nations. It concludes: "This conference summons all possible agencies to teach and preach the gospel of justice. Business men and great corporations, teachers in the schools, ministers of God, the public press, let the whole country accept the great motto and see that all live up to it. America loves justice; it appeals to every man and woman to aid in increasing and organizing the general sentiment in favor of international arbitration, so as to secure, by the invincible power of public opinion, the employment of it in the maximum number of possible cases, in the hope that war may cease and that peace may prevail."

WHAT DID BEAVERS GET?

For Making Illegal Increases in Salaries of Postal Officials.

Washington, May 9—As a result of a thorough overhauling of the rosters of postoffices throughout the country Postmaster General Payne today announced his approval of the instructions reducing the salaries of assistant postmasters at fourteen second class postoffices, to 50 per cent of the salaries of the respective postmasters. Among them are Cairo, Ill., Clarinda, Ia., East St. Louis, Ill., and Steven's Point, Wis.

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WHO HINTS AT CROOKEDNESS?

According to Merritt's Story Tulloch Was Not Above Suspicion—Post-office Department Inquiry.

Washington, May 9—Postmaster General Payne today made public the reply of Postmaster Merritt of this city to the Tulloch charges. Merritt's response makes serious accusations against former Cashier Tulloch of the Washington postoffice, saying that a transaction in which Tulloch was concerned in 1898 "appears to comprehend the presentation of false vouchers, which is made a crime by the statutes." Merritt's reply further alleges the receipts signed in blank on payrolls during Tulloch's regime as cashier and filed, do not indicate any complaint or irregularities against the Washington postoffice filed by Tulloch while he was in office. Merritt says the general practice of giving employee duties seemingly incompatible with their positions, is no abuse and the practice of paying certain expenses of the postoffice department out of the Washington City postoffice fund, always has existed and is proper. The voucher incident is thus told by Merritt:

"Before I became postmaster one of the employees in the postoffice was suspended from duty from May 5 to June 3, 1898 without pay, without any reason of record, as far as I have learned, and without any departmental authority. Tulloch, cashier, retained this man's pay for the time stated, amounting to \$140, and against his protest, I am told, obtained his signature to the customary form on the payroll, however, and then sent the account to the auditor for the postoffice department, as though the payment had actually been made. The cashier probably had the postmaster's order to do this, and it seems he did not make personal use of the money. But the transaction appears nevertheless to comprehend the presentation of a false voucher, which is made a crime by section 543 of the revised statutes of the United States. The money thus unlawfully taken was divided by the cashier, or by his direction, among a number of persons, upon orders signed in the name of the postmaster by his assistant, though in one case no order has been found until all of it was used up except \$7.66, which is now in the official possession of one of the bureaus of the postoffice department."

Postmaster Merritt, speaking of his removal of Tulloch almost at once after he became postmaster, declares his removal was no mistake and as a reason therefore, says that James P. Willett, his predecessor, told him the robbers for the last quarter were in a tangled condition, that his cashier should not have left them in such condition, but Tulloch refused to assist in straightening them out unless he

had been compelled to do so.

IT'S UP TO THE PRESIDENT.

ROOSEVELT.

DILLEY IS LUCKY

STRUCK GOOD VEIN OF COAL

Jury Says That He Did Not Burglarize Liston Shop and Steal Razors.

PROPERTY RETURNED TO HIM

And Judge Tells Him to Go Sell It If He Can.

The circuit court has adjourned until next Tuesday. There will be sessions of court only on three days in the week. The schedule for the week is as follows:

Tuesday from 9 a. m. until noon.

Thursday from 9 a. m. until noon.

Friday all day.

Court will be adjourned Friday night until Monday, June 8, when the McCole murder trial will be taken up.

The jury in the case of Roy Dilley returned a verdict Friday forenoon, finding the defendant not guilty. He was charged with robbing Liston's barber shop and had in his possession two razors which were claimed by Liston. The defendant said that he bought the razors, and had tried to sell them. The judge evidently did not like the verdict for when it was read he said, "Give the razors back to Dilley and let him sell them if he can." The razors were given to Dilley and he not only got his freedom but also the razors claimed by Liston. Dilley was defended by Attorneys Adams and Elson.

A number of cases were disposed of Thursday as is shown by the docket entries which were as follows:

Common Law.

William A. Bond vs. John M. Miller, trespass on the case; judgment for defendant and against plaintiff for costs by agreement.

Chancery.

Flora E. Bond vs. William Bond, divorce; answer withdrawn and defendant and cause heard by court on testimony of witnesses in open court and decree as prayed.

Josephine B. Houlihan vs. Patrick Houlihan, divorce; cause heard by court.

James W. Boegess, administrator vs. Margaret Drennan et al., bill for accounting; stricken by agreement and costs paid.

Cora C. Gallagher vs. Joseph P. Gallagher, divorce; jury waived and to be tried by court by agreement.

Earl Good et al. vs. Daniel A. Good et al.; partition; rule to answer bill by fourth Monday.

Eliza Hawkins vs. Bert Hawkins, divorce; rule extended one week.

Joseph H. Ancene et al. vs. Theodore Ancene et al., petition for trustee; master's report filed and approved and J. A. Ammann appointed successor in trust with bond in sum of \$5000 to be approved by court and case stricken with leave.

Eliza A. Montgomery vs. Samuel McBride et al., bill for relief; rule extended to June 8.

Anna M. Good et al. vs. Rose M. Kinney et al., partition; J. W. Fletcher, H. H. Scarlock and William M. Layton appointed appraisers.

Picnic at Shady Grove.

The members and friends of the Shady Grove Cumberland Presbyterian church met in the beautiful little grove surrounding the church Wednesday, May 28, and spent the day pleasantly together in a social way and serving a picnic dinner at the noon hour. Rev. M. C. Cockrum has been serving the congregation as pastor for the past two years and a little more. He leaves this field June 15 to take charge of the Petersburg, Ill., congregation. The social gathering Wednesday was given so that the members of the congregation and their friends might have opportunity of a day's visiting together with the retiring pastor and his family.

It was a fine day and a better feast of good things to eat could certainly not be found elsewhere.

The congregation had a little surprise in store for the pastor and near the close of the day's social gathering the people were all assembled in the church where Mrs. May Hill in the name of the congregation presented Rev. Cockrum with a very handsome rocker.

In response he expressed himself as entirely undeserving of so much regard, yet thanked the people for their kindness and appreciation.

Visitor.

REMEMBER WALTER EATON.

Naval Reserves From St. Louis Coming to Hold Memorial Services.

A party of the naval reserves from St. Louis will come to Decatur Sunday to hold services in memory of the late Walter Eaton, a young man of this city who died at St. Louis.

Eaton was a Decatur boy but he lived in St. Louis and belonged to the naval reserves. While in St. Louis he was drowned and was brought to this city for burial.

Capt. Gray of the Reserves and some of his men will be in Decatur Sunday and the services will be held at Greenwood cemetery where Eaton is buried. The Sons of Veterans have been invited to take part.

Deeds Recorded.

Melvin L. Bowen to Charles C. Sutter lot 1 of A. M. Reeve's addition to Decatur; \$1500.

Bert M. Covault to Katie Evey, lot 2 in block 9 of Railroad addition to Ma- roa; \$1600.

Samuel Evey to Bert M. Covault lot 21 in block 9 in Railroad addition to Ma- roa; \$1600.

Samuel Evey to Bert M. Covault a tract in township 15, range 3 east; \$12,700.

Bert M. Covault to Katie Evey, same; \$12,700.

Will Be Weaker.

The poultry men say that the price of eggs will be lower next week, that perhaps they will not be paying more than eleven cents. The packing association is about an end and the offerings will be less quickly absorbed. The expectation is that there will however be heavier local consumption as soon as the packers get out of the market.

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FORT MASSAC

Prospect Bore at Blue Mound Reveals a Body of Coal Five Feet Three Inches Thick.

THAT WILL INSURE A SHAFT.

The experimental bore sunk by the coal company at Blue Mound has passed through several veins of coal, the last at a depth of 488 feet is 5 feet and 3 inches thick. Before that vein was found one three and a half feet thick was encountered but that was scarcely considered.

The vein most recently encountered is large enough to be worked at a profit and on that theory the machinery for sinking the shaft and the lumber for encasing the shaft has been ordered. While waiting for the arrival of that material the experimental bore will be continued for a distance of at least 200 feet. If a larger vein is not encountered there will be no disappointment because the five foot vein is good coal and is as much as was expected when the work began. It is within the limits of possibilities however, that even a larger vein may be encountered in which case, as is not infrequently done both veins might be worked to an advantage.

THE JUDICIAL ELECTION

Vote for Circuit Judge on Next Monday.

The judicial election will be held next Monday and on that day the voters will cast their ballots for the candidates for circuit judge. There are three to be elected and the three on the republican ticket who have no opposition are W. C. Johns of Decatur, W. G. Cochran of Sullivan and Soden Philbrick of Champaign.

These are the three men who will be elected circuit judges for the sixth judicial district of which Macon county is a part.

The same judges who served in the different voting precincts at the county election will serve on this occasion. The judges must call at the county clerk's office for the election supplies and they are expected to call before noon today as the county clerk will close his office at 12 o'clock. The election supplies are all ready for distribution.

E. G. Allen, the supervisor of Decatur township says that there are several election booths and ballot boxes which were turned in after the last election and for which the judges of the precincts should call at the court house and get. After this election Supervisor Allen will call in all of the booths and ballot boxes of the township and have them repainted and numbered.

FRANK PENDLEY KILLED.

Fate of a Clover Leaf Conductor Formerly on the Wabash.

Conductor Frank M. Pendley of the Clover Leaf line was crushed to death between two railroad cars at Silverwood, near Edwardsburg, Thursday morning. A gravel train backed into the cars Pendley was uncoupling.—St. Louis Republic.

Frank Pendley was formerly a brakeman on the Wabash out of Decatur. He left here after the strike of 1894, and went to the Great Northern, where he worked for several years and then came back to Illinois and took service with the Clover Leaf and where he has since been employed and where he was a conductor in the freight service.

Frank Pendley was a quiet unassuming man, industrious and attentive to his duties. He was universally liked by those who knew him here and there were heard many sincere expressions of regret that he should have met such an untimely death. His mother lived near Findlay. Pendley was not married and was a man about 40 years old.

DESMOND ACQUITTED.

Man Arrested in Decatur on Charge of Desertion Goes Free.

Harry Desmond when a few weeks ago was arrested at the railroad Y. M. C. A. where he was working, on the double charge of theft and desertion from the U. S. army and taken back to Fort Sheridan was acquitted of the charge of theft last Saturday. He was in the hospital corps and was accused to receive money for safe keeping from the patients. On the night of his desertion he turned the money over to another soldier who kept the money himself after learning of the desertion of Desmond. The soldier that kept the money was sentenced to two and one-half years' imprisonment.

Ernest Hubbard Must Pay.

A despatch to the Inter Ocean from Buffalo, N. Y., says: "Ernest G. Hubbard of East Aurora, the leader of the Roycrofters, this afternoon settled the suit brought against him and Alice L. Moore for money due for the support of an illegitimate child. 'Albertus' will pay over \$3,000. The suit was brought by W. W. Woodworth, a brother-in-law to Alice Moore, who is the correspondent in the suit brought against Hubbard by his wife for a divorce.

It is alleged that Mrs. Woodworth took care of the child for six years upon Hubbard's promise to pay \$5 a week for its board. Miss Moore was a school teacher in East Aurora and later lived in Denver and Massachusetts. The child is now with its mother in Massachusetts.

Monticello Has Eight Saloons.

Monticello now has eight saloons, the greatest number in its history, and a new building is being erected for another one, which will bring the total up to nine. The license fee is \$500 a year in Monticello now, the lowest it has ever been and as a consequence the town has a larger number of saloons than ever before. Monticello is the only town in Piatt county which has saloons at this time. At the recent municipal election Belmont went dry.

Governor Reynolds again visited Fort Massac in 1855 and he found the outside walls 135 feet square and at each angle bastions erected. The walls were palisaded, with earth between the wood. A large well was sunk in the fortress. Three or four acres of gravel walks were made in exact angles. He reports the site to be one of the most beautiful on the Ohio river, command-

FORT MASSAC

Daughters of American Revolution Score Big Victory.

Scene of Clark's Stand Against British and Indians to Be Beautified By Women.

ing a view that is extensive and charming. No enemy could easily surprise the holders of this position. It is this famous spot that the Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution have assumed the labor and responsibility of restoring and preserving.

WAS SPLENDID CONVENTION

Mrs. A. W. Conklin Named As Delegate To World's Convention In Jerusalem Next April.

TAYLORVILLE GOOD HOST.

A. H. Mills, J. Edward Saxton, Mrs. A. W. Conklin, Mrs. A. E. Murphy, Miss Chadsey, P. P. Laughlin and daughter, Miss Lulu Jones, Mrs. Stare and Mrs. Neisler have returned home from Taylorville where they have been attending the annual state Sunday school convention. They report the meeting was one of the best attended and most profitable of any held in recent years. The citizens of Taylorville turned the town over to the visitors and the sessions of the association were full of interest. The entertainment was first class, all the delegates speaking in the highest terms of the hospitality of the people of the city. The decorations were elaborate and quite general throughout the city in honor of the occasion.

A. H. Mills was re-elected to the position of chairman of the executive committee and P. P. Laughlin was again made vice president of the thirteenth district.

The selection of the next meeting place of the convention was referred to the executive committee and the place will be determined at a meeting of this committee to be held early in August at Winona. This committee meeting will be in connection with the International committee.

One particularly interesting phase of the convention just closed was the emphasis placed on the organization of men's classes in the Sunday schools.

A committee to push this department of the work was named and John A. Montgomery of this city was made a member of the committee. His address on this subject was delivered Tuesday night and was one of the good things of the meeting. It was highly complimented on all sides.

Mrs. A. W. Conklin of this city was elected as a delegate to the world's convention of Sunday school workers which is to be held in the ancient city of Jerusalem in April next.

Miss Minnie McBurney, formerly of Shelby county but now of Chicago, was also named as a delegate to this convention.

Miss McBurney is a niece of P. P. Laughlin and is well known in Decatur especially among the Sunday school workers.

She is now here on a visit to the family of her uncle.

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